GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF VEHICLES BY R.P.F.
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance has issued any guidelines/instructions that any Central Government Department except Defence/Central Police Organizations will purchase no new vehicle, is applicable to Railway Protection Force or otherwise;

(b) if so, whether under the garb of Central Police Organisation, Railway Protection Force has purchased new vehicles amounting to Rs.10 crore in December 2004 in violation of the instructions issued by Ministry of Finance;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any inquiry has been ordered in this regard;

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(f) the follow up action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSITRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Ministry of Finance have in September'2004 issued the following guidelines on purchase of vehicles. "Purchase of new vehicles is banned until further orders. Exceptions will be allowed only for meeting the operational requirements of Defence, Central Para Military Forces, etc. New vehicles shall not be purchased even in replacement of condemned vehicles. Hiring of private from outside shall be limited to the number of vehicles condemned".

(b) Railway Protection Force has purchased 48 nos. of buses, 152 diesel vehicles and 119 motor cycles at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.94 crore for the security department to take over the safety and security of passenger and the passengers area of the station premises in addition to safeguarding railway property following recent amendments to the Railway Protection Force Act and Railways Act,1989 in December 2003. The Railway Protection Force Act 1957 was amended in the year 1985 and Railway Protection Force was declared an Armed force of the Union Government under Section 3 of the Act.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.